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Sandra L. Brown
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Washington, D.C. 20036

Re: Abandonment & Rail-Banking, 5.6 miles of Missouri Central Railroad Company Track (STB) Cass County, Missouri

Dear Ms. Brown:

Thank you for submitting information on the above referenced project for our review pursuant to Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act (P.L. 89-665, as amended) and the Advisory Council on Historic Preservation's regulation 36 CFR Part 800, which require identification and evaluation of cultural resources.

We have reviewed information provided concerning the above referenced letter. We have also had the opportunity to review the September 2010 report entitled *Phase One Cultural Resource Survey Report, Rock Island Trail, Johnson, Cass and Henry Counties, Missouri* by SCI Engineering, Inc. Based on this review, it is evident that a thorough and adequate cultural resources survey has been conducted of the Missouri Central Railroad Company Track. We concur with the investigator's recommendation that the Missouri Central Railroad Company Track is eligible for inclusion in the National Register of Historic Places, including bridges and culverts.

We have not had the opportunity to review the proposed rails to trails conversion, and cannot at this time comment on any effects that such an undertaking might have on this historic property.

If you have any questions, please write Judith Deel at State Historic Preservation Office, P.O. Box 176, Jefferson City, Missouri 65102 or call 573/751-7862. Please be sure to include the SHPO Log Number (040-CS-10) on all future correspondence or inquiries relating to this project.

Sincerely,

STATE HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICE

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Mark A. Miles", is written over a horizontal line.

Mark A. Miles
Director and Deputy
State Historic Preservation Officer

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